

REMARKS

I. Amendments

This application is the U.S. national stage of PCT/SE2005/00396, filed on March 17, 2005.

Claims 1-13 have been amended to place the claims in conformance with U.S. patent practice. In addition, claims 3-7 and 9-11 have been amended to eliminate instances of a multiple claim dependency. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled.

Although Applicants have amended claim 10 and 11 to replace the expression "sleeve or channel" with the single term "channel", it is nevertheless Applicants' intention that a "channel" encompasses a channel, sleeve, and any equivalent structure as discussed in the specification and illustrated in the Figures.

New claims 16 and 17 have been added. Claim 16 recites that the dosage unit is a pill, tablet, capsule, or portion thereof, and is supported by the specification as a whole, for example, at page 1, lines 11-12. Claim 17 recites that the closure pivots between opened and closed positions, and is supported by the specification at page 2, lines 9-16; and page 4, lines 18-26.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-13 and 16-17 are pending. No new matter has been added by any amendment herein.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a new patent application. If any fee is required in connection with this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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